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For: **Method of Preparing Disease Prognosis Model...**)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the instant application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe a fee is due for the filing of this paper.

A copy of the listed document and its partial English translation is attached. The listed document was cited in an examination report that issued in the corresponding Japanese patent application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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